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The 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the State of Maine  
State House  
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature:

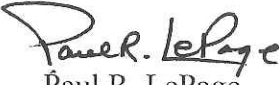
Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing LD 1132, "An Act To Achieve Economic Growth by Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education and To Meet Workforce Needs."

This is a good bill – encouraging STEM education will help Maine's current students find good careers. It is something I am committed to and those STEM options need to be made available in a variety of learning environments.

Unfortunately, this bill is not funded - \$5,000 in the first year and \$22,000 in the second is not enough to hire an Executive Director or really get this work done. We need to stop promising the world without paying for it. It is time to right-size government, reduce our tax burden, and focus our limited resources on things that really matter.

For these reasons, I return LD 1132 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

  
Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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